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Thanks

.. to those awesome parents who helped out with this week's year 5 and 6 camp (and to Mr Schuster and Mrs Gunson for your thorough organisation over prior months).

.. to Sharon Smith, Sharon Martin (and others) for assisting with organisation and supervision at this week's interschool swimming championship.

.. to those parents who assisted with this week's junior marine studies.

People of the week

.. our interschool swimming team for sterling efforts this week against stiff competition and Caleb Smith who achieved 3rd place in the 50m Breaststroke and 3rd place in the 50m Freestyle

.. our tennis doubles teams (and support parents)

.. Jack Hudson and Liam Rosemergy for producing exceptional (and highly descriptive) pieces of writing this week. Well done boys!

.. Our year 5 and 6 campers who mightily impressed others this week with their exemplary behaviour, great manners and exceptional teamwork.

Our "little things matter" person (people) this week is (are) ...

... Stori Holland who searched and searched this week until she found ANOTHER CHILD'S missing book bag .. without being asked. Well done Stori!

Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative). We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

25 Mar Kids Lit Quiz

28 March Year 7 and 8 triathlon (Kai iwi Lakes)

28-30 Mar Marae Noho

29 Mar Representation at ANZAC Field of Remembrance

7-9 Apr Trikids programme

16 Apr 2014 Youth Summit

17 April Final day for term 1 (5 May - Commencement of term 2)

Some reminders from last week

.. children in afterschool labs and learning support programmes will have assigned work several times a week. Parents are asked to be vigilant in checking that tasks are completed. If unsure please direct any questions to the teacher concerned.

.. toys not encouraged at school ... if wanting to share something special the teacher is more than happy to look after this after sharing time.

.. please contact Kevin if wanting to discuss special payment arrangements for school contributions or any other school expenses.

Overarching Virtue 2014

Last week we shared our 2014 overarching focus ... "Enjoying learning through a positive attitude". Please spend a little time discussing with your child(ren) the times a positive attitude has made a real difference in your life. If your child has had special victories in applying a positive attitude (especially to learning) please let us know so that we can celebrate these through the newsletter.

Maths - meeting for parents

As advised in earlier newsletters, we are especially focussing on mathematics (and digital technologies) this year. Among other things, this includes the learning of maths basic facts. At 3:15 PM on Thursday 3 April (in the library) we have arranged for a maths facilitator to speak to parents on the topic of basic facts. He will talk about why basic facts are important, why some children have difficulty learning their basic facts, and how we can assist children towards basic facts competency. Parents are warmly invited to attend this meeting. We hope to see some of you there!

Lit Quiz

Good luck to our Lit Quiz teams who compete in Kerikeri next week.

Marae Noho - For Families 28th March

A fabulous opportunity to stay at Ngararatunua Marae Friday and Saturday nights is available to all families. We plan to learn the local history and songs AND help write a song for our school, as well as many other activities. There is a small charge for food of \$20.00 per adult & \$24.00 per child for the weekend including Dinner Friday night and all meals through until Sunday mid-morning. You will need to bring your own bed linen, pillows, bedding and towels. If interested contact Sue Abbott via the office or email

sabbott@matarau.school.nz

Matarau School Hockey

Registration forms for Yrs 2-6 interested in playing hockey went home last week. If your child is interested and did not receive a form, please contact the School Office. Please note: Yr 1 children need to look at the Northland hockey website for the funsticks programme which starts on 10th May.



International Schools English and Maths Competitions

The date for entries in the above competitions has been extended to Monday 24 March ... please note that we cannot accept any entries beyond this date. We have received significantly fewer entries than in earlier years and so, if you are keen, PLEASE CONTACT US ON MONDAY OR LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE SCHOOL ANSWER PHONE OVER THE WEEKEND.

Bullying

Last week we defined bullying. While bullying can come in many and complex forms it primarily fits into one (or more) of the following categories ...

Verbal—repeated mocking or put downs, name-calling, unwanted teasing

Physical—repeated hitting or kicking, taking or threatening to take possessions

Social or relational—repeated exclusion, spreading rumours or gossiping, withholding friendship, pulling faces

Cyber—repeated threats, criticism or unkind comments or images sent by text, email or posted on social networking sites

Most people can probably testify to being, at some stage, on the receiving end of bullying. Even a casual observation of societies present and past will bear ample testimony that bullying is, and always has been, part of wider society.

Have you thought of how much bullying comes through the television screen (even during children's viewing time)? I would like to invite you to take a mental tally of the various types of bullying you can see on prime time television .. try to group under the 4 categories above. Take your tally during one programme, a series of programmes or a night's viewing. If you are willing, please email me with your findings or impressions principal@matarau.school.nz and I will share these (anonymously if requested) in a forthcoming newsletter. You might be surprised what you find!

Finally

A special tribute this week to our campers .. parents, staff and children. News has trickled back to school this week of a highly successful camp. Great teamwork, a collegial tone, parents stepping up, children helping each other, members of the public and event hosts commenting on the exceptional manners, behaviour and task focus of our students. This is the sort of news we like to get and the sort of example we like to be known for. Well done to all involved!

Final word today from Mr D .. hot off the press

'Why didn't the chicken want to cross the line? "Because he heard the ref call fowl!"

Regards

Kevin Trehwella

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Ruatangata Junior Hockey Club - *Kwik Sticks (school yrs 7 & 8)* - Rally day March 9th at 9am on the Real Deal Tyre Turf at Kensington Turf. Come ready to play. First practice will be on Tuesday 11th March at the Kensington Turf 4 to 5 pm. If you have not heard what team you are in before then you will be advised at the practice.

Kiwisticks, Ministicks & Funsticks (school yrs 1 to 6) - If you wish to play this year please register by contacting Bex or Debbie by 9th March 2014, Bex Telfer, Email: bexstainton@gmail.com, Ph: 4376380, Cell: 0212266155 or Debbie Attwood, Email: funder@extra.co.nz

Northland Golf Club - First Tee Programme - Fun introduction to golf for children .. incorporates values like honesty, integrity, sportsmanship etc Goal is to provide a positive golfing experience. Cost \$80 for 9 weeks. Limited spaces. If interested contact Bronnie on 0274 713 225 (bronnies@golfnorthland.co.nz) or pick up entry forms from our school office.

Kamo Soccer Club is now taking registrations for the 2014 season. You can either enrol directly through our Kamo Soccer Club website/homepage, or phone Jeremy Hay on 0275833323.

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Turbo Touch Afterschool Competition - Kensington Park, Tue 11th Mar - Tue 15th Apr, Yrs 3-8, \$30.00pp or \$210 per team. For further info contact Paul Hope 021951925 or email paul@kidsinaction.co.nz

Tauraroa Area School Inter-School Motorcycle Competition - Sunday 30th Mar, McCarroll's Property, 69a Cassidy Road, Paparoa. Bring your own bike, helmet, and protective clothing, your snacks and drink.

Teams of 4 riders around a set track. **Teams can**

be made up on the day with riders from another school. Juniors- Up to Year 8

Seniors- Year 9 to 13. Mixed- 1 Adult, two year 9-13, One up the year 8.

Each member of the team wears a specific arm band around our 9-10 min track and then hands it on to the next rider. Each Junior rider completes

2 circuits in total. Each Senior rider completes 3 circuits in total. Younger riders may be followed by a parent or mature rider as support. Team's

first rider start at 30 sec intervals till all teams have started. Time:- Practise loop 8.30am

Juniors 9am Seniors 12.30pm Mixed 2.30.

Mixed-team event- 4 riders/team (Teams can be made up on the day with other riders if there are

enough spaces.) For any further info contact Don McDonald-Spice at Tauraroa Area School for further information and registration..on 027 2835130 or don.mcdonald-spice@tauraroa.school.nz

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